

streams to the plains by river water and subsequent deposition alongwith the alluvial materials;

(iv) salt impregnated sand blown by sea wind;

(v) in-situ decomposition of soil material;

(vi) ingress of sea water, and

(vii) climate, geology, topography and hydrology either singly or in combination.

(c) and (d) The action to check the soil erosion and salinity have been taken through State and Central Sector programmes. By the end of 7th Five Year Plan, an area of 34 million ha. has been treated including the saline lands by various soil and water conservation measures.

दूध की कीमते

257 श्री राम जेठमानी : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में दूध के उत्पादन में निरंतर वृद्धि हो रही है ,

(ख) यदि हा, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि निर्धन और मध्यम वर्ग की दूध खरीदने की क्षमता कम होने के कारण दूध का प उड़र बनाकर इसका निर्यात किया जा रहा है ,

(ग) यदि हा, तो क्या सरकार ने दूध के उपभोग को प्रोत्साहन देने हेतु इसकी कीमतों को नियंत्रित करने के लिए कोई कदम उठाए हैं , और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जय लाल बीरचन्द्र भाई शाह) :

(ख) जी, नहीं। देश में दुग्ध और दुग्ध चूर्ण के अधिक उत्पादन से तथा विदेश मुद्रा के सृजन की आवश्यकता की वजह से दुग्ध चूर्ण के आयात का मुद्रा सामन आया है।

(ग) और (घ) प्रश्न ही नहीं होता है।

Prices of essential commodities

258 SHRI MURLIDHAR CHAN. DRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state.

(a) what specific steps were taken by Government to contain the prices of various consumer goods, the food-grains, pulses edible oils, spices, soaps, fuel and cloth;

(b) what were the comparative prices of each of these items during each of the last three months and the comparative corresponding prices for the last year; and

(c) the reasons for failure to curb and contain the prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN): (a) The Government has accorded highest priority to check the rising trend in prices of essential commodities. Both long term and short term measures are being taken for the purpose. The measures taken broadly include steps to increase production of essential commodities, procurement and buffer stocking operations of foodgrains, strengthening of Public Distribution System (PDS) enforcement of the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act and other regulatory measures, and augmenting domestic supplies through imports (e.g. edible oils, pulses and petroleum products etc.) so as to check any abnormal rise in the prices of essential commodities.

(b) A statement showing the month end retail prices of selected